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Ray kin tells of 'Raoul' link

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Convicted killer James Earl Ray still has New Orleans phone numbers that were his link to the mysterious "Raoul" he says was involved in the 1968 assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., according to Ray's brother.

In a copyright story in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Jerry Ray, 42, of Lawn Grove, Ill., said he and another brother, John Larry Ray, had decided to reveal what Ray privately told the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

John is an inmate at the Marion, Ill., federal penitentiary.

IN SAFETY BOXES

Among other things, the House panel has considered the possibility that Ray was involved in a conspiracy to kill King.

So far the committee has not reported any findings in that aspect of the case.

Post - Dispatch columnist Jake McCarthy quoted Jerry as saying he copied the phone numbers still in his brother's possession and put them in two safety deposit boxes belonging to him and his sister, a St. Louis resident.

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Jerry was quoted as saying "Raoul" and Ray's involvement in complicated smuggiing arrangements are central parts of the story.

Previously, Jerry was quoted as saying "Raoul" was "just a story Jimmy made up" for his biographer. Jerry also had been quoted as saying, "The whole thing about 'Raoul' and running drugs from Canada was a lie."

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